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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, TZ, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA)(SMITH, KENNETH
STEVEN)(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

1. REQUEST YOU DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO
MOBUTU. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY GREAT APPRECIATION FOR YOUR OWN DEEP
PERSONAL INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING AND FOR THE
COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT, ALL OF
WHICH CONTRIBUTED SO SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SAFE RETURN OF
THE FOUR YOUNG STUDENTS FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY WHO
WERE KIDNAPPED ON MAY 19.

I EXTEND MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES TO YOU AS YOU
LEAD YOUR COUNTRY FORWARD IN SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

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SINCERELY, GERALD FORD. END QUOTE.

2. USG DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF LETTER AND ASSUME
GOT WILL ALSO NOT DO SO.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW UPON PRESIDENT'S RETURN
FROM EUROPE. INGERSOLL

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